

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ON PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL FOR AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR THE "PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY"

Arauco North America, Inc., has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), Permitting Section, to make modifications to the facility located at 985 Corinth Road, Moncure in Chatham County. The proposed project includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- increase the allowable nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from the Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) plant's energy system; and
- reevaluate the volatile organic compound (VOC) Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determination at the MDF plant originally incorporated into permit no. T47 issued August 30, 2017.

The project is subject to review and processing under North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Subchapter 02D .0530, "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" and Subchapter 02Q .0500 "Title V Procedures". The facility is defined as a "major stationary source." PSD major modification review is triggered for the project for emissions of volatile organic compounds(VOCs).

The Arauco North America, Inc. application has been reviewed by the DAQ, Air Quality Permitting Section in Raleigh, North Carolina to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations.

A preliminary review, including analysis of the impact of the facility emissions on local air quality, has led to the determination that the project can be approved, and the DAQ air permit issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

Chatham County is classified as an attainment area for all pollutants. Compliance with all ambient air quality standards and the PSD increments is projected.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or request a public hearing regarding the Air Quality Permit are invited to do so. Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the facility, and a summary of the information intended to be offered at such hearing.

Written comment or requests for a public hearing should be postmarked no later than April 30, 2021 and addressed to daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov (please type "Arauco.19D" in the subject line) or mail written comments to: NC DEQ, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1641.

All comments received or postmarked by this date will be considered in the final determination regarding the Air Quality Permit. A public hearing may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest exists or that the public interest will be served.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by Arauco North America, Inc., and other material used by the DAQ in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

